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On 20 March 2008, a restriction requirement was placed against the claims, at which time only claims 1-20, 28-32, 112-116, and 128-131 were pending. On 18 July 2008 applicant filed a response, cancelling all pending claims and adding new claims 132-146.

As set forth in the Notice of 21 August 2008, none of the newly-presented claims is drawn to any of the inventions set forth in the restriction requirement. Further, the response of 18 July 2008 was not found to contain an election of any of the Groups set forth in the restriction requirement, much less a statement as to which of the new claim(s) read upon the elected invention. The response of 18 July 2008 was treated as a response under 37 CFR 1.111, and as such, the amendment was entered as a matter of right. The claims presented, however, are all deemed to have been withdrawn as none is directed to any of the inventions set forth in the restriction requirement.

On 31 July 2009 applicant filed a response to the restriction requirement whereby the invention of Group III, claims 7, 8, 10-17, 20, and 112-115 was elected. However, the response of 31 July 2009 was not found to contain any amendment whereby at least one claim, drawn to the elected invention, was presented.

Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley L. Sisson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0751. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Nguyen, can be reached on 571-272-0731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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